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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 759

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

**DATE:** October 9, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of New Director of Medicaid

On September 18, 2008, Gene Gessow was named Director of the Iowa Department of Human Services; he has named Jennifer Vermeer to succeed him as the Iowa Medicaid Director.

Vermeer had been Assistant Medicaid Director since July of 2005 and assumed her new duties immediately. Gessow began as the Iowa Medicaid Director in 2003.

Vermeer is a native Iowan and earned her bachelors degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and masters degree in public administration at the University of Arizona, and has extensive experience working at the state legislative level.

Iowa Medicaid is administered by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME), which is composed of nine performance-based contractors overseen by the Medicaid Director and other state managers.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions, please contact IME Provider Services, telephone 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at: [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).